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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication dated April 25, 2003, from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Copies of the cited documents therein as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 equivalent were submitted at the time of filing this PCT application and cited in the Search Report attached thereto. Therefore, an additional copy of the documents is deemed unnecessary.

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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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